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**MEMORANDUM** 

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SUBJECT: The 2011 Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards (STAA) Program

FROM:

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It is a pleasure to announce this year's call for nominations for the 2011 Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards (STAA) program. STAA is an Agency-wide competition, judged by the Science Advisory Board (SAB), which recognizes outstanding published scientific and technical papers by the Agency's staff. This year's nominations will be accepted via electronic submission to <a href="mailto:nominations.STAA@epa.gov">nominations.STAA@epa.gov</a>. It should be noted that upon the recommendation of the SAB STAA review committee, the pilot program for EPA Project and Research Reports nominations has been discontinued.

Attached are (1) nomination procedures and guidelines, (2) program schedule, and (3) nomination forms. Official 2011 nomination forms are available for your convenience in MS Word and screen fillable Portable Document Format (PDF) at <a href="http://epa.gov/ncer/staa/">http://epa.gov/ncer/staa/</a>. All nominations must be received no later than midnight ET Thursday, January 27, 2011. Instructions for completion and electronic submission of nomination packages are attached. Should questions arise, please contact Dr. Thomas O'Farrell at (202) 343-9639 or o'farrell.thomas@epa.gov.

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